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Santa Rosa County District 5 Newsletter

A Message From Your Commissioner



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I hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. After the extremely cold winter we had, it is nice to have a chance to thaw out.

A lot of exciting things are going on in Santa Rosa County right now, and you will be able to read about some of them in this newsletter. The new Navarre Beach Pier is nearing completion. Once complete, Santa Rosa County will be home to the longest pier in the Gulf of Mexico and the State of Florida. We are planning to have a grand opening ceremony when the project is complete, and hope everyone will come out to enjoy the pier.

Of special interest to the residents of District 5, construction is underway on the new signalized intersection and traffic realignment project at Crane Cove and Whisper Bay. The heavy equipment is operating as this issue goes to press, and we anticipate completion by the end of summer. We also have several drainage projects in the works for District 5. Our goal with these projects is to prevent future flooding in areas that have been prone to flooding incidents in the past. The scale and scope of these projects is significant, and completion of all is expected by the end of summer in 2011.

The county is preparing to issue a request for proposals to investigate the possibility of having a single waste hauler operate in the south end of the county. The RFP should go out in May, with responses due over the summer. This would be a big change in the way garbage is collected in the south end of the county, and I anticipate we will take this matter up in mid to late summer. I have already heard from many residents on this issue, and look forward to receiving further input. The goal is to get better service, including trash pick-up, curbside recycling, yard debris removal, as well as large item/bulk hauling services, at a lower rate than our residents are currently paying for basic curbside pickup.

As I write this, the biggest immediate concern for Santa Rosa County and the Panhandle is the potential adverse environmental effects from the recent oil rig explosion and subsequent spill off the coast of Louisiana. Your county officials are monitoring the situation, receiving updates from the response agencies currently involved in the clean-up and mitigation efforts, and are ready to respond as part of the unified command if the event affects our area. At this time, it is unknown what local impacts we may suffer as a result of the ongoing spill. A website has been setup for those wishing to receive information about the current response. You can go to www.santarosa.fl.gov or www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com for the latest updates from the Coast Guard, BP, Department of Homeland Security, NOAA, and the Minerals Management Service. Santa Rosa residents should also monitor our local media outlets daily for the latest information on any actions they may or may not need to take.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your county commissioner for District 5 in Santa Rosa County. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you have. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

**- Lane Lynchard
District 5 Commissioner &
Commission Vice-Chair**



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Drainage Projects Move Forward

Santa Rosa County has received grant agreements from the State of Florida Hazard Mitigation Program to complete Phase II, or the construction phase, for seven stormwater/drainage projects in the south end of the county. These projects are considered mitigation projects because they have been designed to prevent future flooding of property and structures which have previously flooded repetitively due to inadequate drainage facilities in those areas.

As a result of Hurricane Ivan in 2004, Santa Rosa County received a funding allocation from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program of approximately \$14 million. Several mitigation projects were selected from the county's Local Mitigation Strategy project priority list for funding and applications were submitted to the state of Florida and FEMA for project review and eligibility for funding. Phase I, or the design

and engineering phase, for all seven was previously approved and completed.

The grant funds 75 percent of the improvements and the county is meeting the local match of 25 percent with electric franchise fee drainage improvement reserve funds. It is anticipated that construction will begin on each of the seven projects by the end of the summer. Each project is being placed out for bid separately and all are expected to be completed by August 2011.

The projects with total budget are as follows:

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| Ganges/Madura | \$ 811,372 |
| Sabertooth | \$ 584,032 |
| Orion Lake | \$ 718,520 |
| Villa Venyce | \$ 414,956 |
| Ramblewood | \$1,133,374 |
| Harrison Ave | \$1,763,041 |
| Greenbriar | \$ 760,610 |



Construction Begins on Crane Cove/Whisper Bay Project

The Crane Cove/Whisper Bay realignment project is currently underway. The contract was awarded on January 14 with completion anticipated by August 31. While under construction, no lane closures on U.S. Hwy. 98 will occur during daylight hours. Installation of the signal will occur towards the completion of the project.

This project is a safety improvement project for U.S. Highway 98 and involves construction of a new roadway around the old Delchamps shopping center that will align Crane Cove Boulevard with Whisper Bay Boulevard and the installation of a traffic signal at this new intersection. Improvements also include converting the two existing full access median openings at Crane Cove Boulevard and between Crane Cove Boulevard and Whisper Bay Boulevard

to directional median openings allowing for left turns and U-turns only. Turn lanes will be modified and lengthened as necessary to accommodate these improvements.

These improvements were identified in the U.S. 98 Corridor Management Study prepared by HDR Engineering in 2001. The existing Crane Cove Boulevard intersection is located on a curve with visibility problems and is very dangerous. One traffic fatality has already occurred at this intersection. Implementation of these improvements will make this segment of U.S. Hwy. 98 much safer. The cost for this project is just under \$900,000. The Florida Department of Transportation is funding this project through a Joint Participation Agreement with Santa Rosa County.



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New Navarre Beach Pier to be Longest Pier in Gulf

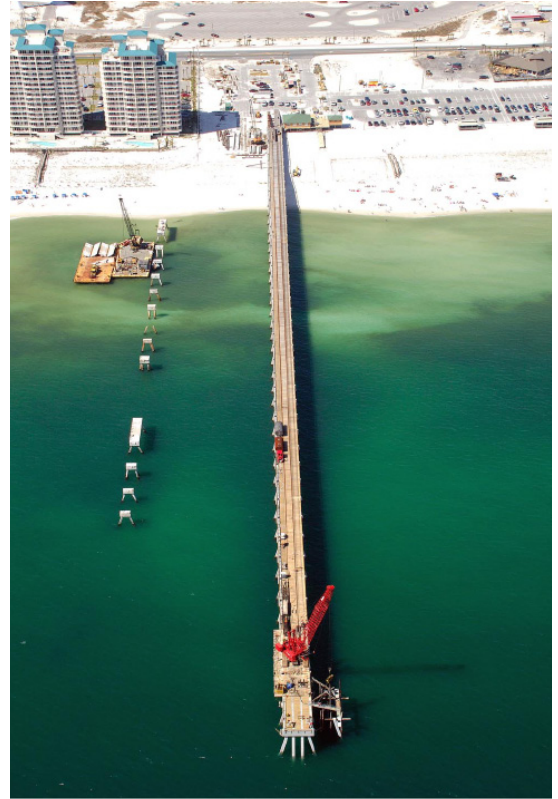
The new Navarre Beach Pier is expected to be complete in late May or early June. At 1,545 feet, it will be the longest on the Gulf and in the State of Florida. The extension of 45 feet from the original design was approved in November when the contractor, Ed Waters and Sons Contracting Company, approached the county to donate the labor, equipment, supervision and overhead in order to be part of the record pier. The budget estimate for the extension material, permitting, and survey work was \$125,000. The old pier, which was damaged beyond repair by hurricanes Ivan and Dennis, was 1,450 feet.

At the April 8 commission meeting, the following admission fees were approved by the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners:

Walking \$1 per day, \$5 weekly pass, \$60 annual pass

Fishing Adult- \$7 per day, \$245 annual pass
Youth- \$4.50 per day, \$215 annual pass
Senior- \$6 per day, \$230 annual pass
Children under 6 free with adult
Disabled veterans free
Weekly pass \$45

Ninety percent of the project budget will be paid for utilizing FEMA federal aid for disaster recovery funds for improved projects with a state share of 7.5 percent and the county funding 2.5 percent or \$210,626 plus the extension costs.



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Recycling with a Repurpose



Glass containers are one of the easiest items in the waste stream to recycle. Unfortunately, in order to recycle glass, there must be a processing center to send the glass to that is cost effective not only for shipping, but also for the initial start up costs and daily operations. Until now, the entire southeast only had traditional glass-melting recycling facilities, the closest located in Jacksonville. Nearly all glass that was collected in Santa Rosa and surrounding counties ended up in a landfill. Thanks to an Impact 100 Grant awarded to Santa Rosa Clean Community System, valuable space in the landfill will be saved. Discarded glass will have a new purpose as Santa Rosa begins the operation of one of only an estimated 150 pulverized glass recycling facilities in the United States.

The glass recycling process in Santa Rosa County is simple and truly collaborative. Residents place glass jars and bottles in either in curbside recycling containers provided by Waste Pro or deposit the glass at one of the 26 recycling areas around the county. ARC Santa Rosa crews help collect, sort materials and make sure the public recycling areas are free of debris. At the recycling facility located at the Santa Rosa County Central Landfill, inmate crews sort the glass. The glass is run through the new glass processing system which removes labels and tops and produces both a gravel and sand product.

Initially, the recycled glass will be used at various government and non-profit sites to introduce the many uses of recycled glass to the public. Sometime after September 2010, Santa Rosa Clean Community will offer the gravel and sand to the public at "innovation stations" in limited amounts at no charge. As the process is refined and larger amounts of glass are collected through residential recycling, agreements with restaurants and bars, and other landfills that do not have glass recycling capability, the recycled glass gravel and sand will be marketed and sold. Profits will be used to help continue recycling efforts in Santa Rosa County.

Citizens and local businesses can play a huge roll in the success of this program by simply starting to recycle glass. The more glass that is processed through the Santa Rosa County Recycling Facility, the more glass gravel and sand will be available.



What glass is recyclable?

- ☒ **YES-** Any color empty food and drink bottles and jars, drinking glasses
- ☐ **NO-** Plate glass, auto glass or stained glass

About the glass gravel and sand

- ☛ Has no sharp edges, safe to walk on barefoot
- ☛ Safe for people of all ages, pets and marine life
- ☛ Colors- mixed, clear, green, brown or blue

Possible uses

- ☛ Landscape material including mulch, driveways, parking lots, walk ways, fish ponds, play sand and paver fill
- ☛ Asphalt and cement fill
- ☛ Sand blasting and sandpaper material
- ☛ Filtration material for swimming pools, wastewater, and septic tank systems
- ☛ Drainage for pipe bedding, French drains and golf course greens
- ☛ Aggregate mix in concrete counter tops and Terrazzo tile
- ☛ Beach restoration
- ☛ Art material
- ☛ Decorative- fountains, birdbaths, terrariums, aquariums and flower arrangements

